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1. THE DOLS. 600,000 OF NON-RECURRING CONSTRUCTION COSTS REFERRED TO IN REF A ARE US NAVY EXPENDITURES TO BUILD A NAVIGATION SYSTEM AT BRATLAND, NORWAY (PROJECT OMEGA). CONSTRUCTION BEGAN SOMETIME AFTER CONTRACT AGREEMENT
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BETWEEN THE US AND NORWAY IN DECEMBER 1971 AND WAS COM-

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PLETED SOMETIME DURING MID-NOVEMBER 1973. THE US NAVY PAID DOLS. 329,000 IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER FY 74 AND IS EXPECTED TO PAY ANOTHER DOLS. 300 - DOLS. 400 THOUSAND BY THE END OF FY 74. THESE COSTS WERE INCLUDED IN THE US ESTIMATE OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES IN NATO EUROPE ENTERING THE BOP IN FY 74. NORWEGIAN ASSUMPTION OF OR REIMBURSEMENT FOR SUCH COSTS WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS VALID OFFSETS UNDER JACKSON-NUNN.

2. IF THE NORWEGIANS RAISE THIS ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION, YOU SHOULD INFORM THEM THAT OUR PURPOSE IN SUGGESTING THIS PROJECT WAS TO IDENTIFY US COSTS INCURRED IN NORWAY BECAUSE WE BELIEVED THE NORWEGIANS COULD FIND IT MORE PALATABLE TO OFFSET US COSTS IN NORWAY AS OPPOSED TO COSTS IN OTHER NATO NATIONS. AS STATED BY AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD AT THE NOVEMBER 29 NAC, THE US IS WILLING TO DISCUSS ANY ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS WHICH NATO ALLIES WOULD PREFER. KISSINGER

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